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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH (SP) DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.3682 dated/6.11.47.
Read the following.

ORDER:

The Health Survey and Development Committee has suggested that the most urgent needs connected with the provision of adequate facilities for the treatment for mental diseases and mental deficiency are for--(i) and improvement and augmentation of the existing institutional facilities for the treatment of these diseases and (ii) the training of different types of mental health workers. The Committee recommends the following measures in this connection:-

(a) creation of mental health organisations as part of the establishment of the Director of Health Services.

(b) improvement of the facilities in the existing hoppitals.

(c)provision of facilities for the training of medical men in mental health in India and abroad and for the training of ancillary personnel in India by requiring medical men employed in mental institution to possess a Diploma in Psychological Medicine, by the development of courses for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine in the Universities, and by the deputation of selected medical men abroad for foreign training on the subject. . . .

2. After examining the suggestions, the Government pass the following orders:-

(i) The creation of a mental health organisation will not be feasible until trained specialists qualified in the treatment of these diseases become available. Action should therefore be taken in the first instance to secure a number of such specialists.

(ii) The question of what improvements are necessary in the existing methods of treatment is being examined by the Surgeon General. He has promised to submit a report separately on the subject, and it is awaited.

(iii) The Government agree with the Committee that it is desirable to staff mental hospitals with suitable and qualified officers. The Surgeon-General has suggested that the status and emoluments of such officers should be raised. The Surgeon General is requested to examine this point further, in connection with proposals for the reorganisation of the Mental Diseases Department and submit a report to Government in due course.

(iv) The Surgeon General is also requested to examine the suggestions in paragraph 1 (c) and submit proposals in due course--

(a).....

(a) for the starting of a diploma course in Psychological Medicine under the auspices of the Universities;

(b) for the training of medical officers in this specialty for short periods;

(c) for the training of one or two doctors in this speciality in foreign countries, especially in view of the fact that the present Superintendent of the Mental Hospital Madras is due to retire soon;

(d) generally for securing a nucleus of experienced medical officers with post-graduate qualifications who will be capable of training the requisite personnel.

His attention is invited to Memorandum No.65702 D2--47-2 P.H. dated the 1st September 1947.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To the Surgeon General.
To the D.2. Section.
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